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Mr Eric Illidge  
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Dear Eric:

First of all, please pardon my delay in answering your letter, but until the WMP rulling on baseball, I really was quite undecided on what to do. As things stand now I feel encouraged to go ahead.

I will begin by saying I was really happy to receive your letter. The thought of you being back with us pleases me no end. However there are many things to be considered. First of all I have been working without a secy. for two years now, and I am really getting a little too old for so much work plus the headaches that go with baseball. I had been giving a lot of thought this winter to hiring a returning "Vet" to help me out.

Working the last two years without a secy. means I hired a man to send weekly releases to the papers, plus keeping the score sheets at the games in Newark. I also had to have a man to keep the books. I have a CPA who makes up the income tax returns at the end of the year, but the bookkeeping means entries of money made and spent in the ledger.

How much of this work could you take care of for me? The CPA who makes my annual report would gladly cooperate I know. Maybe BOBS Secy. would come over a night a week and help with the books. Or you could take them to her.

The league season opens May 6th in Newark and I really should have written you sooner, but I told you the reason for the holdup. Let me hear from you right away please. Also tell me what salary you are asking for. (ha ha)

Very Truly Yours